No proposal for mounting sound and light show at Charminar has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Erosion of Vivekananda Rock Memorial

770. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swami Vivekananda Rock Memorial set amidst the ocean off Kanyakumari is under threat from rapid erosion of the rocks upon which this monument is built;

(b) if so, the details of findings of any recent survey made to assess the impact of sea waves buffeting the rocks under the Memorial; and

(c) steps taken/being taken to preserve and conserve this magnificient monument?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The rock amidst sea where Swami Vivekananda meditated has been declared as monument of National Importance by a notification dated 27.08.2003. The threat of erosion because of sea waves has been taken note of and technical advice sought in the matter.

(c) The preservation, conservation, maintenance and development of Centrally protected monuments is an ongoing process.

Development of tourism sector in Rajasthan

†771. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of areas selected by Government for the development of tourism sector in Rajasthan during the current year; and

(b) the details of the outlines worked out by Government for the development of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The following projects have been sanctioned by the Department of Tourism in Rajasthan during the current financial year:-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.